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SUMMARY

Peking admits conflicts between Chinese technicians and engineers and Soviet technical advisers, when plans to build new power plants and open new coal mines and oil wells are opposed by the Russians, who want instead to repair, reconstruct, and stretch the productive power of existing facilities. Chinese officials support the Soviet technicians, but it is obvious that new facilities would require Soviet funds and materials, while it is admitted that some repair and reconstruction projects have resulted in "great loss to the State." On the model Chinese-Changchun Railway, conflict between Chinese and Russians is reflected in reports that Chinese cadres "found difficulty" in carrying out Russian orders. A Shanghai announcement, that model hardware worker Lu Ah-kou was promoted to assistant factory manager immediately upon his return from Moscow, is amusing in view of the frequent Communist use of the term "running dog." Lu's given name literally means "the dog."

In accepting Stalin awards, two high Chinese officials gave full credit for their scientific accomplishments to their emulation of the USSR, while one of them seemed particularly proud that "Stalin knew of their works." Evidence that the Chinese people are more reluctant to accept Communist dogma is seen in a Hangchow report that the local post office had ordered its employees to get out and sell 2,500 new newspaper and magazine subscriptions.

Reluctance of farmers to meet the demands of the Government is apparent in a report that Szechwan cadres, in implementing orders to organize model farm units, promised the peasants that they "would not be ordered to increase production." However, rural cooperatives now are to be used to exploit cotton farmers, who have not been delivering their cotton satisfactorily. The same cooperatives that collect the cotton will control supplies for the farmers, and grant credit, thus gaining a double claim on the cotton crop.

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